

BEFORE THE ARIZONA POWER PLANT AND TRANSMISSION LINE SITING COMMITTEE

) Docket No. L-00000JJ-09-0279-00145 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF 3 AGUA CALIENTE SOLAR, LLC, IN Case No. 145 CONFORMANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES 40-360.03 AND 40-360.06, FOR A CERTIFICATE OF 5 **ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY** 6 AUTHORIZING CONSTRUCTION OF THE AGUA CALIENTE SOLAR PROJECT, A 280 MW 7 PARABOLIC TROUGH CONCENTRATING SOLAR THERMAL, OR A 425 MW PHOTOVOLTAIC 8 SOLAR, GENERATING FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED TRANSMISSION LINE 9 INTERCONNECTING THE GENERATING FACILITY TO THE ADJACENT PALO VERDE 10 - NORTH GILA #1 500KV TRANSMISSION LINE IN YUMA COUNTY APPROXIMATELY 10 MILES 11 NORTH OF DATELAND, ARIZONA. 12 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF Docket No. L-00000D-09-0280-00146 ARIZONA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY, IN 13 CONFORMANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF Case No. 146 ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES 40-360.03 AND 40-14 360.06, FOR A CERTIFICATE OF **ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY** 15 **AUTHORIZING CONSTRUCTION OF THE APS Q43 NOTICE OF FILING** 16 500KV TRANSMISSION LINE AND SWITCHYARD CORRESPONDENCE INTERCONNECTION PROJECT AND 17 ASSOCIATED FACILITIES INTERCONNECTING Arizona Compration Commission TO THE PALO VERDE - NORTH GILA #1 AND 18 FUTURE PALO VERDE - NORTH GILA #2 500KV TRANSMISSION LINES APPROXIMATELY 10 19 MILES NORTH OF DATELAND, ARIZONA (SECTION 34, T5S, R12W, G&SRB&M, YUMA 20 DOCKLED BY COUNTY, ARIZONA) 21

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Attached is a letter from the State Historic Preservation Office, dated June 17, 2009, which was received on this date by the Chairman of the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee.

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Pursuant to A.A.C. R14-3-204, The Original and 25 copies were filed July 1, 2009 with:

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"Managing and conserving Arizona's natural, cultural and recreational resources"

June 17, 2009

John Foreman, Chairman Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee Arizona Corporation Commission 1200 West Washington Street Phoenix, AZ 85007

RE: Agua Caliente Solar Project

Docket No. L-00000JJ-09-0279-00145

APS Q43 500-kV Transmission Line and Switchyard Interconnection Project

Docket No. L-00000D-09-0280-00146

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Mr. Foreman:

Thank you for consulting with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-864 for the Arizona Corporation Commission regarding an application by Agua Caliente Solar, LLC, for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility regarding their solar generating project and associated transmission line and switchyard in Yuma County, Arizona. We have reviewed the submitted materials and offer the following comments.

Our records indicate that vast majority of the project area has **not** been inspected for cultural resources. We recommend that the **project area be inspected for cultural resources by a qualified archaeologist** in order to locate and evaluate any existing cultural remains within the project area. In addition, the Governor of Arizona's Executive Order 2006-14 regarding tribal consultation should be noted, given the tribal interests in the area where project area is located. The applicant is reminded that Arizona State Law requires that if human remains or burial goods are encountered during any ground-disturbing activities, even on private lands [i.e., A.R.S. § 41-865], work in the immediate vicinity must cease and the Director of the Arizona State Museum promptly notified.

We appreciate your cooperation with this office in considering the potential impacts of development on cultural resources situated in Arizona. If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at (602) 542-7140 or electronically at djacobs@azstateparks.gov.

Şincerely,

David Jadobs

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